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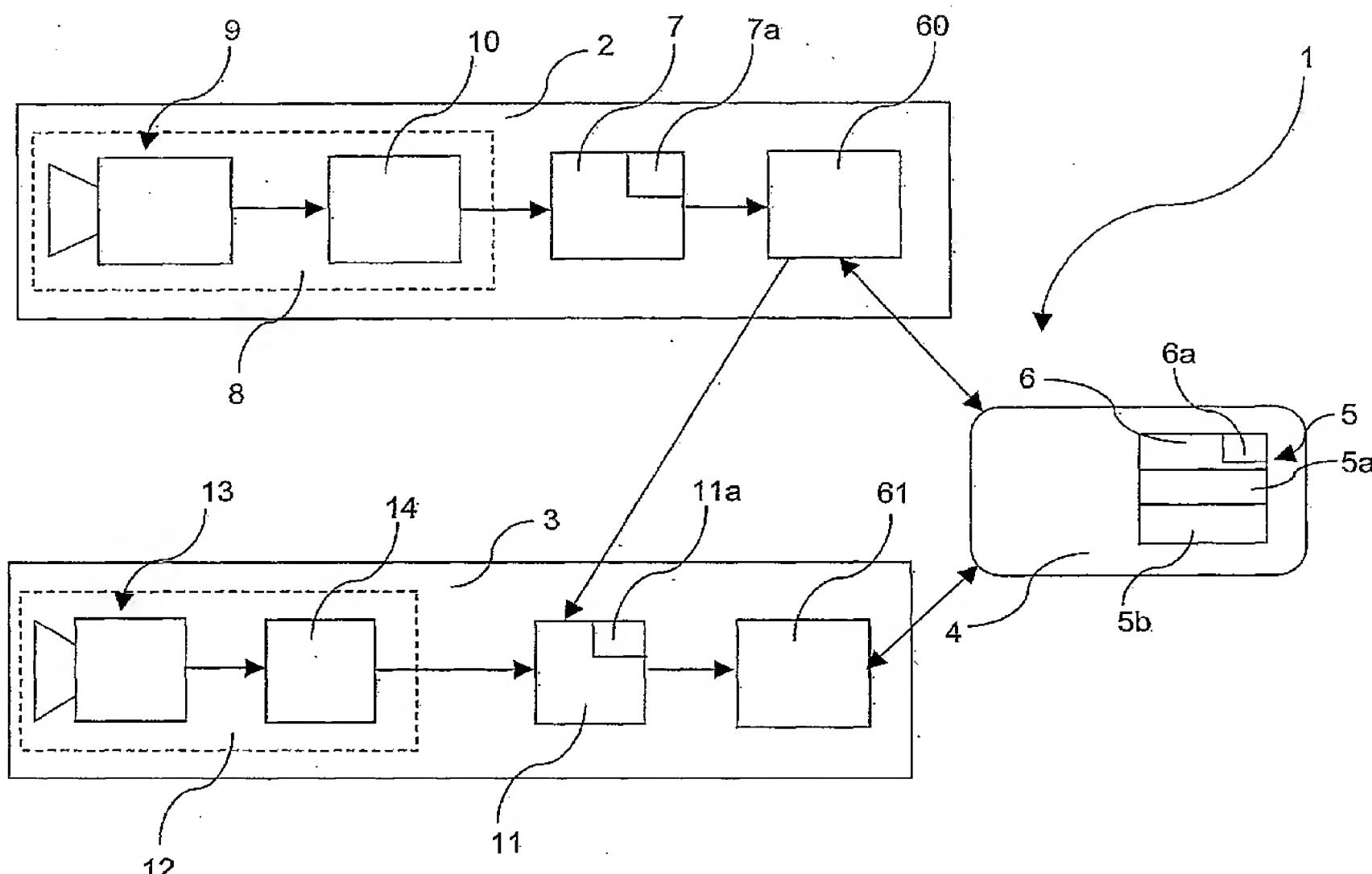
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(54) Title: USER AUTHENTICATION METHOD BASED ON THE UTILIZATION OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECH-  
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(57) Abstract: The present invention refers to a user authentication method based on the use of identification biometric techniques comprising the steps of: - generating a reference biometric template from a first biometric image of a user to be authenticated; - splitting the reference biometric template into a first and a second reference biometric template portion that can be physically separated; - signing and enciphering the first and the second reference biometric template portion; - storing the signed and enciphered first and the second reference biometric template portion into different memories.

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